മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: തിരുവിലാമലയിൽ പുതിയതായി വല്ല മില്ലിനും ലൈസ്സൻസ്സ് കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

റാവുസാഹിബ്ബ് എം. എം. പോൾ: ഉവ്വ്.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ഏതു മില്ലിനാണ് കൊടുത്തിട്ടുള്ളതു?

റാവുസാഹിബ്ബ് എം. എം. പോൾ: വേണുഗോപാൽ റൈസ്സ് മിൽ.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: എന്നാണ് അതിനു ലൈസ്സൻസ്സ് കൊടുത്തതു?

റാവുസാഹിബ്ബ് എം. എം. പോൾ: ൧൯൪൫-ൽ.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ഈ കൊല്ലം നെല്ല് കുത്തുവാൻ അനുവദിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

റാവുസാഹിബ്ബ് എം. എം. പോൾ: ഉവ്വ്.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: എത്ര നെല്ല് കുത്തുവാൻ കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടു?

റാവുസാഹിബ്ബ് എം. എം. പോൾ: അപേക്ഷയനുസരിച്ചു ചിലപ്പോൾ പറ നെല്ല് കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടു.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ഈ വേണുഗോപാൽ മിൽ എന്നു പറയുന്നതു മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായരുടെ മരുമകന്റെ അല്ലെ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* "Venu Gopal" is the name of the Mill.

IMPORT OF FOODSTUFFS

218. Mr. M. O. Thomakutty *(Commerce and Industry):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) on what basis is the quota of food stuffs imported distributed among the merchants;

(*b*) whether a list of wholesale merchants and the statistics of articles imported by them in the pre-war period was called for before the quota was fixed; if so, who are all the merchants included in the list and whether all of them have been given quota;

(*c*) whether quota has been given to any who was not in the line in the pre-war period; if so, who are they?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(*a*) Character, command of necessary resources to purchase and import the articles in time, business experience, willingness to co-operate with the Government for conserving the commodities within the State and selling them here at reasonable rates, etc.

(*b*) No. The information necessary for this was ascertained by local enquiry.

(*c*) Yes. It is not possible to give a correct list of such persons without knowing the particular foodstuff in respect of which the information is sought for since quotas have been allotted for a particular article to merchants who were not dealing in that particular article during the pre-war days, but were dealing in other articles.

Mr. M. O. Thomakutty *(Commerce and Industry):* May I know whether the quota was given to any one who had no business experience before?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Vide answer to sub-division (*c*). Yes.

Mr. M. O. Thomakutty *(Commerce and Industry):* Did you make enquiries?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Yes. Local enquiries. In some case the Assistant Supply Officers and in some cases the Director himself made enquiries.

മിസ്റ്റർ ജോസ് കെ. വള്ളിസ്സ്: മിസ്സിസ് കെ. ജോഷ്വയും മറ്റും ഇതിൽ സപ്ലയേഴ്സ് ആയിരുന്നുവോ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* I want notice.

MATCH FACTORY, NEMMARA—TIMBER—SUPPLY OF

219. Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what was the price at which timber was given to the match factories at the beginning in Nemmara;

(*b*) what is the rate now;

(*c*) at what price timber was given to the ply-wood factories at the beginning;

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(*d*) what now;

(*e*) is it a fact that ply-wood can be manufactured out of hard woods—teak, rose-wood, etc. ?

Mr. S. Venkiteswaran *(Conservator of Forests):*

(*a*) The timber was given at Re. 0—8—0 per candy up to 12 vannams and Rs. 2 of and above 12 vannams.

(*b*) Now the rate is 0—5—0 per c. ft.

(*c*) The timber was given at 1¼ Seigniorage rate.

(*d*) The rate is at 0—5—0 per c. ft. to Sree Vilas Match Factory and Ply-wood Factory and 0—6—0 to Nemmara Soft-wood and Ply-wood Factory.

(*e*) Yes.

(*Note 12·7 c. ft.*=1 candy.)

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* What is the cause of this difference in the rate between these match factories and the ply-wood factory?

Mr. S. Venkiteswaran *(Conservator of Forests):* One of the match factories is an older factory and there was already a contract fixing the rate for this factory that would take all the special clauses of timber suited for ply-wood matches. A new rate was applied in the case of new contracts consistent with the prevailing market rates of timber.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* When did the new practice begin?

Mr. S. Venkiteswaran *(Conservator of Forests):* The old contracts have practically expired, and the minimum rates are even for all the factories at present.

TIMBER FROM FORESTS—TAKING OF—CONDITIONS REGARDING

220. Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what are the conditions or restrictions which govern the taking of timber from forests by agriculturists for agricultural purposes;

(*b*) what is the quantity that each agriculturist is allowed to take;

(*c*) does the Forest Department keep any account of the timber so taken; if so, what is the quantity taken during each of the last three years;

(*d*) who is the officer authorised to allow agriculturists to take timber?

Mr. S. Venkiteswaran *(Conservator of Forests):*

(*a*) No timber is allowed to be removed from Reserved Forests for agricultural purposes.

(*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) No reply is required in view of reply to (*a*).

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* Are there any forests other than "Reserve forests" in the management of the Government?

Mr. S. Venkiteswaran *(Conservator of Forests):* There are.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* Do the Government allow timber to be taken from any of these forests?

Mr. S. Venkiteswaran *(Conservator of Forests):* There are village reserve forests. But they are not classified as reserved forests.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* I do not want them to be classified. I want to know whether the Government allow any agriculturists to take timber from the forests under the management of the Government?

Mr. S. Venkiteswaran *(Conservator of Forests):* Village reserves are specifically constituted in for that purpose.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* What are the conditions or restrictions?

Mr. S. Venkiteswaran *(Conservator of Forests):* Village reserves are not under this Department. They are under the Revenue Department.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* From the Village reserve forests are the Agriculturists allowed to take anything for the purpose of agriculture?

Mr. S. Venkiteswaran *(Conservator of Forests):* Whatever is necessary for the agricultural implements, in the form of small timber is allowed to be taken. It is not timber in the ordinary sense of commercial timber.

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Probably it is not called timber. There is difference between timber and this wood.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* Are there any restrictions regarding the taking of this wood?

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